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REMARKS

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1. At about 4 p.m. on 30 July 1953, [redacted] 4 boxcarloads of troops, attached to a regular freight train, passed through the Muellrose railroad station.¹ At 4 p.m. on 30 July, 25 tank cars were seen at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. On 30 July, 20 tank cars were sidetracked at the Cottbus railroad station. At about 3 p.m. on 31 July, 27 tank cars were seen at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. [redacted] they had come from Troeglitz. Twelve other tank cars left Bad Freienwalde toward north at the same time. At about 6 p.m. on 31 July, 20 tank cars were seen at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station.² At about 6 p.m. on 31 July a freight train, which included a shipment of 4 AA guns, 3 canvas-covered SP guns [redacted] was seen at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. [redacted]

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2. At about 3:30 a.m. on 12 August, 6 gun barrel trailers and 6 gun motor carriages, 3 x 122-mm howitzers, 26 prime movers, 4 large trucks with trailers, 2 field kitchens, 2 sedans, some trailers and about 120 troops from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. [redacted] Between 9:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 12 August, the unit entrained on 12 August was detrained at the Brandenburg Altstadt railroad station and returned to its installation. [redacted]

The trucks were occupied by each about 20 troops. In the evening of the same day, 18 prime movers and 3 x 122-mm howitzers were seen entering the installation. 4

3. Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 19 August, about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 3 prime movers, towing gun barrel trailers; 3 prime movers towing gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers; 2 prime movers towing 152-mm howitzers, 3 prime movers towing trailers [redacted] 2 jeeps, 13 trucks, and 1 field kitchen were entrained at the Brandenburg railroad station. Troops and materiel had come from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne and left toward Genthin. After

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the departure of the troops, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied by 300 to 350 troops. Between 8:20 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 22 August, about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 3 prime movers with gun barrel trailers, 3 prime movers towing gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers, 3 prime movers towing 152-mm howitzers,

[REDACTED]

On 23 August, this installation was occupied by about 650 troops. [REDACTED] any training activities in the installation during the absence of the troops. 4 25X1

4. On 22 August, 2 x 203-mm howitzers and 1 prime mover were unloaded from a train of 14 SS-type flatcars, 10 boxcars and 9 flatcars with sideracks at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The train had arrived from the direction of Altengrabow. The detained vehicles left for the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. 4

5. [REDACTED]

6. At about 6:10 p.m. on 13 August, about 25 trucks with 20 x 37-mm AA guns and about 120 to 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen leaving Berlin, proceeding toward Koenigsberg.

7. On 5 August, 10 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were, for the first time, observed on Hiddensee Island. [REDACTED] only individual soldiers. On 12 August, 10 one-story temporary buildings were under construction about 2 km south of Neustrelitz. 25X1

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably fuel shipments for the USSR.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] observed movements of units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US). The trains on 12, 16 and 22 August, which carried elements of the brigade, went to, and returned from, Altengrabow. See

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[redacted] troop units of this division constantly held exercises in the area south of the Bad-Freienwalde-Eberswalde railroad line during the month of August.

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[redacted]
the AAA unit may belong to the Second and/or Third Gds Mecz Army. No information has been received on troops leaving the Wustrow firing range at that time.

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